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Dear Rob:

I'm sorry I wasn't able to explain in very brief terms what happened to lessen so radically the prospects of the Buchanan case, but, as my article you printed said, the reasons are complex. Also, I didn't mean to sound irritated at those two minor errors that appeared in your chit about me. Actually, I thought you were overly flattering in what you said both there and in the editorial--I'm not really that "distinguished", at any rate not any more so than a great many other law professors around the country. I had been a little worried about the editing in the article, but on reading it carefully, I could find nothing amiss. I hope that you will print the second article, too, which I deem equally important with the first.

The main reason I am writing is to alert you to what the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties is coming up with in the way of literature. We have been working on two position papers, which we plan to get printed up in the form of pamphlets, one giving the best argumentation we can come up with for reform of the sodomy laws, and the other doing the same for the solicitation laws. The "original editions" of these were done by Arthur Warner for submission to the legislature here in New York State which is considering reform bills, but the papers are being revised to eliminate this parochial slant. These we hope to make available to groups and organizations willing to get out and work for legislative change in these laws. I mention this because both documents are now almost in final form, and I think the Advocate's readers ought to know that this sort of thing is available to fill the need. I don't know how much we will have to charge per copy, but we will have to charge something to cover our cost in getting them printed up. I will say for the record, however, that there will be no profit involved, not for the people (like Arthur and myself) who did the work nor even for the general expenses of the Committee in the future. In my opinion, both papers are about the best that could be produced, but if you'd like, we would be happy to send you a copy of each before you print anything about them in the Advocate, so that you may judge for yourself whether they merit your recommending them to your readers. We can't afford to pay for any advertisements, so if you give these pamphlets a plug, it will have to be for the cause (i. e., gratis). Anyhow, I just want to emphasize that the only reason we are asking for the publicity is to get these into the hands of people who can do something with them! And I can't think of any other way to do this than through the Advocate. So you don't have to convince me how important your newspaper is to the cause.

Best regards,

Walter Barnett